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In reply refer to: T-DITT-2

To: People Interested in the Anderson Ranch – Mountain Home 115-kilovolt Transmission Line Rebuild Project

Bonneville Power Administration is proposing to rebuild its Anderson Ranch – Mountain Home 115-kV transmission line in Mountain Home, Idaho. BPA plans to rebuild the 18-mile transmission line located in Elmore County. The rebuild is needed to maintain line reliability. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information about the project, environmental analysis, schedule, and how to contact BPA if you have questions.

Background

The transmission line has endured extensive damage from area wildfires and aging poles. The project involves removing the existing wood poles and replacing them with new steel poles. Some of the new poles may be taller than the existing poles, by an average of five to 10 feet. BPA would also replace some of the hardware and all of the insulators to meet current standards. In addition, two steel towers will replace five inaccessible wood pole structures for the South Fork Boise River Crossing in the first mile from Anderson Ranch Dam.

Environmental Analysis

In preparation for the project, BPA is looking at options that would minimize the impacts to sensitive areas and species. An environmental analysis, Categorical Exclusion, is being completed for this project, under the National Environmental Policy Act. BPA is coordinating with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and State Historic Preservation Office. Construction would begin in July 2004 and be completed by December 2004.

For More Information

If you have general questions about this project you may call our toll-free line at 1-888-276-7790. You may also access project information and documents on our Web site at:

<http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/>.

Thank you for your continued interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kirk Robinson, April 28, 2004

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